REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various claims are being amended as shown above. The claim amendments clarify the claim language and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims, unless the claim language is expressly quoted in the following remarks to distinguish over the cited art.

In the office action, claim 69 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Diem (USP Patent No. 5,696,500). Applicant(s) respectfully traverse(s) this rejection.

Diem is directed to a paging system 100 for providing paging services or information services to a user. The user uses a multi-media terminal 116 to compose program, and the multi-media terminal 116 processes the program into files. The multi-media terminal 116 transmits these files via communication link 118 to a multi-media messaging terminal 106. The multi-media messaging terminal 106 encodes the files and also encodes conventional page messages from a paging user, in order to generate encoded messages that are transmitted by a transmitter 108. The user of the multi-media paging receiver 114 receives the encoded messages from the transmitter 108, and the encoded message is displayed on the multi-media paging receiver 114. Therefore, Diem does not disclose a method where a computer detects an event is detected by a computer, where a variable-function device generates an event-related content in response to the event, and where the computer generates the event-related content in response to the event if the variable-function device does not generate the event-related content.

Independent claim 69 distinguishes over Diem at least by reciting, a method including "*detecting for an event, wherein the detecting is performed by a computer and wherein the event comprises a notification that can be detected by the computer; in response to the event, generating an event-related content via a variable-function device; and in response to the event, if the event-related content is not generated via the variable-function device, then generating the event-related content via the computer,*" and such recited features are not disclosed or suggested by Diem. Note that the method 1700 in Figure 17 of the disclosure is performed by the apparatus in Figure 16 of the disclosure.

Accordingly claim 69 is patentable over Diem.

In the office action, claim 69 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Kobayashi, et al. Applicant(s) respectfully traverse(s) this rejection.

Kobayashi is directed to a network system with a server 40 and composite machines 10. Each composite machine 10 can use a plurality of functions on a same document (for example, each composite machine 10 can fax the document while copying the document). The server 10 processes the fax transmission requests from the composite machines 10. Kobayashi does not disclose a server that detects an event that comprises a notification, and also does not disclose a variable-function device that generates an event-related content in response to the event, and does not disclose the server as generating the event-related

content in response to the event if the variable-function device does not generate the event-related content.

Independent claim 69 distinguishes over Kobayashi at least by reciting, a method including "detecting for an event, wherein the detecting is performed by a computer and wherein the event comprises a notification that can be detected by the computer; in response to the event, generating an event-related content via a variable-function device; and in response to the event, if the event-related content is not generated via the variable-function device, then generating the event-related content via the computer," and such recited features are not disclosed or suggested by Kobayashi.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102.

New claims are also being added and recite claims that are not disclosed nor suggested by the cited references.
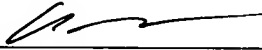
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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